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New York District

Jones Inlet, NY

Maintenance Dredging

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Future maintenance dredging of the Inlet.

AUTHORIZATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The federal navigation project for Jones Inlet, NY was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1945, 77th Congress, 1st Session, Document No. 409.

The proposed maintenance dredging project provides for dredging at the entrance channel 12 ft. deep, 250 ft. wide, extending from that depth in the ocean through the inlet to the Loop Causeway Bridge over Long Creek at a length of 2.3 miles. The disposal area for past dredging projects was the Town of Hempstead Beach at Point Lookout.

STATUS: Results of an April 2001 condition survey revealed that based upon the quantity of material in the channel, there was no economic justification to dredge the channel.

A condition survey in August 2002 documented that the southern portion of the channel has shifted to the west.

A follow-up condition survey of the Federal Navigation Project was performed in April 2003. An additional survey of a larger section of the outer portion of the channel was completed in late September 2003. From these surveys, it has been determined that there are areas of shoaling in the channel, however, no funding is available to perform engineering and design in order to proceed with future maintenance dredging activities.

Discussions with New York State to determine a suitable disposal site for shoaled material are ongoing. There is no project funding in fiscal year 2004. The project was last maintained in 1996.

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